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Minutes (approved)

Monthly Meeting

March 9, 2015

8:30 a.m.

C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Kay Sigaty, Chair; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chair; Calvin Ball; Greg Fox; Jen Terrasa

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Spending Affordability Advisory Committee Report: Steve Sachs, Dennis Miller, Ellen Flynn Giles, and Ryan Frederic attended to present the Committee's report. Budget Administrator Holly Sun was also present. Council Members asked for clarification on which of the Revenue Options and Expenditure Control Options identified in the report were actually recommendations of the Committee. The Council requested that Dr. Sun provide information on revenue projections associated with each revenue option. The Committee members agreed to return to continue the discussion as part of the Council's first capital budget work session on April 20.

Public Transportation Board Report – *Connecting Howard County*: Sharonlee Vogel, Astamay Curtis, Ron Hartman, and Jason Quan attended to present the Board's report. Office of Transportation Administrator John Powell was also present. *Connecting Howard County*, prepared in response to CR23-2014, describes the performance of the Howard County public transportation system and specific recommendations for improvements required to meet the increasing demand for public transportation options in Howard County. Specific recommendations discussed included making transportation a priority early in development plans, establishing and meeting clear service standards, and revising the design manual to implement Bike Howard and Walk Howard.

County Council Policies and Procedures: Ms. Sigaty mentioned the draft which Ms. Feldmark had circulated. In the interest of time, discussion of the Policies and Procedures was deferred to the next monthly meeting. Ms. Sigaty stressed the importance of reviewing the draft and raising any questions or concerns so that the Council would be ready for final discussion and adoption at the April monthly meeting.

Council Member Reports: Ms. Sigaty updated the Council on the County's conference call meetings with bond rating agencies. She had no report on the Patuxent River Commission. Ms. Terrasa referenced the MACo materials which she had distributed and highlighted the issues discussed at the large county meeting. Mr. Fox indicated that he would be sending out an update with outcomes of the NACo legislative conference.

Staff Reports: Ms. Feldmark referenced her written report and asked Council Members to let her know if they have any questions or input to offer. Mr. Glendenning referenced his written report. In addition, he mentioned that he has been working on a review of the master lease and will be providing the Council with a report on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.